PENSION POINTERS.

Inquiries Answered and Sugges tions Made.

G. H. T., Syracuse, N. Y.—Dependent parent's rate of pension under the act of June 27, 1890, has always been held to be \$12 per month, and under a decision rendered in September last, if the soldier incurred the fatal disability while holding the rank of commissioned officer, the parent's rate of pension may be higher than \$12, necording to the rank the sen held. ent's rate of pension may be ingree that \$12, according to the rank the son held. The effect of late decisions of the Depart-ment of the Interior is that all pension claims of dependent parents filed since June 27, 1890, must be regarded as made

likely that any bill to continue the pensions of invalid pensioners re-entering the military or naval service of the United States will become a law. The original fundamental principle of granting invalid pensions was and still is that the recipients are unfit for service by reason of physical disability.

L. A. S., Carthage, Mo.—The \$36 rate

is allowed only in case the amputation of the arm is at or above the elbow joint. It is not required that the amputation be

precisely at the joint.

M. B., Winchester, N. H.—When you write letters to a newspaper you should have confidence enough in the editor to sign your name. The matter in question should be referred to the Congressman from your District.

DEPARTMENT AND CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

RECONSTRUCTION OF THE ACT OF JUNE 27, 1890.—The bill, Senate No. 1477, to wipe out the Hoke Smith-Lochren construction of the pension law of June 27, 1890, which passed the Senate on Jan. 8, last, still slumbers in the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House, although the bill was supposed to be readly weeks the bill was supposed to be ready weeks ago to be reported back to the House. It would be well for all interested to write the Hon. Cyrus A. Sulloway, Chairman of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House, and stir up the matter, and at the same time write their own Representatives in Congress about securing action on the

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which stands to-day not only an ament, but a credit to our Order and the ge of Dimondale. At the commence of the year 1898 we found ourselves to the year 1898 we found ourselves a debts to the amount of \$775. We had sed a mortgage of \$590 on the building, notes to the amount of \$225, and two bills of \$50 more unpaid. At the opening of the present year, 1900, we had cancelled the bills, notes and applied \$50 on the mort gage, besides paying taxes, interest and insurance, which has proved no small item. For two years we have rented the lower deferred, maketh the heart sick?" And rooms for store purposes for \$100 per year. We have also held two fairs, the first netting We have also held two fairs, the first neiting \$25, the last \$55. Frequent socials and entertainments have been held, with more or less success. Lincoln's birthday has been fitly celebrated each year, the last in connection with quilt drawing, which proved a financial success. Mrs. Agnes Wiley, of Albion, Department Chaplain, ingreated our Corre work last receipt. inspected our Corps work last year with satisfaction to all parties. Quite an amount of relief work has also been done, visiting the sick and afflicted and a large number of new members have joined our ranks, and at this time there is a confident feeling that with a little more time. satisfaction to all parties. Quite an amount of relief work has also been done, visiting the sick and afflicted and a large number of new members have joined our ranks, and at this time there is a confident feeling that with a little more time and hard work every dollar of the mortganga will soon. work every dollar of the mortgage will soon be cancelled. Stanton Corps, 9, Stanton, with Stantor

orated Lincoln's birthday with an excellent program. In the morning the three Orders listened to a patriotic sermon by Rev. E. Severence. Later a social hour was enjoyed, and afterward dinner was served. In the evening a Campfire was held.—MRS. MARY SHERWOOD HINDS, Dengiment Press Correspondent. Stayton partment Press Correspondent, Stanton, Mich.

Memorial Post.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: Me-morial Post, 141, of Cleveland, O., is demon-strating that there is still opportunity to do some recruiting for the Grand Army of the Republic. At a recent meeting four members were admitted by muster, one by transfer, and three applications for member ship were received. Stirring patriotic speeches were made by some of the new

Memorial Post and Corps and Clara Barton Tent, D. V., held a joint Campfire on Washington's Birthday. Commander J. L. Smith, in a brief speech, called attention to the day all Americans, especially G.A.R. men, should celebrate; also, that another object of this rally of war veterans was to bring all who ever wore the blue in closer touch under the banner of Fraternity, Charity and Loyalty, the cardinal prin-Charity and Loyalty, the cardinal prin-ciples of the Grand Army of the Republic He introduced ex-Senator Comrade Wm. T. Clark, who in a patriotic speech told how he and his battery crushed or stamped out the rebellion. Speeches were also made by other comrades, and a number of choice

other comrades, and a number of choice selections were rendered.

Department Commander T. R. Shinn, Adj't-Gen. O. F. Crall and Q. M.-Gen. Theodore McNelley, of Ashland, O., made stirring addresses on the work in the Department, paying a just compliment to Memorial Post as the banner Post of Cuyahoga County, and the most active in the State.

The crowning charm of the occasion

invited guests in the banquet room, while the young people tripped the light fantastic toe in the Post room.—F. D. MCGHLLI-CUDDY, Historian, Memorial Post.

Flags for Philippine Schools.

The flags for the schools of the Philippine Islands, which were forwarded by Lafayette Post, 140, Department of New York, in November last, to the care of Gen. Otis, for distribution under orders from the War Department, have been heard from.

It was in the line of the patriotic work of this active Post that these flags were sent, and in connection with the 600 bunting flags, four by six, taken to Porto Rico by Commander Allan C. Bakewell, and the Flags for Philippine Schools.

by Commander Atlan C. Bakewell, and the 160 sent to Hawaii more recently, completes the outfit for all the schools of the three colonial possessions recently acquired by the United States.

Two hundred of these bunting flags, to

The effect of late decisions of the Department of the Interior is that ail pension claims of dependent parents filed since June 27, 1890, must be regarded as made under the general law as amended by Section 1 of the act of 1890, and most recently it is held that the fee law of 1884 does not apply to such chaims and that the fee therein may be only \$10, as provided by the act of 1890 for claims made under that act.

J. M., Bridgeport, O.—The matter of the soldier's income from any source does not enter into the question of title to invalid pension under the act of June 27, 1890. The act of March 2, 1895, fixing the minimum rate of invalid pension at \$6 per mouth, applied to general law persions; the act of 1890 itself had already prescribed the same minimum rate for invalid pensions thereunder.

M. A. C., Warrington, Fla.—It is hardly likely that any bill to continue the pensions of invalid pensioners re-entering the military or naval service of the United States will become a law. The original fundamental principle of granting invalid pensions was and still is that the recipients are unfit for service by reason of physical

be now in the fullest sense American.

Bowling Green Corps.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: I have been reading in your paper accounts of the W.R.C. from the different States, and think it quite proper that our Corps should re-ceive mention, as we are anxious to be represented in the columns of your excellent paper. Corps 85 was organized in 1885, and now has a membership of 65. We work in perfect harmony with Wiley Post, 46. President Hattie M. Lenhart is untring in her efforts to make this one of the best Corps of the Department. Our Past President, Hattie B. Young, who served us President, Hattie B. Young, who served us so faithfully for six consecutive years, is now our Treasurer, succeeding Emma V. Nearing, whose ability is unexcelled and who in sunshine and storm was faithful to her trust for seven long years. To these two women we are indebted for much of the success of our Corps.

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we have not expended much roller in the past year, as the calls have been few. We have sent a picture of the "Madonnaand Child" to the cottage at Andersonville; also our quota to the Soldiers' Home, and re-sponded to the calls from Headquarters. We are looking forward to a pleasant yeart next Fall as we avenet to entertain

event next Fall, as we expect to entertain the District Convention. We are already collecting a fund. We have been holding an exchange every two weeks in which we offer to the public everything that is tempt ing and good to eat, even to pop-corn, and thus far the results have exceeded our expectations, although we never do things by halves. There is much more that might be said to our credit and if this is not

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Interesting Repart From the Department.

Corresponding Secretary.

EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: It would be hard to find a more loyal band of women than Corps 152. They are loyal to the Department of the work of the wor

minence 1899, has been granted by the Commissioner of Pensions to the widow of Gen. Guy V. Henry, who died last October."
So far, so good. I have no objection to offer. But how about the 197,000 good. men and true whose claims for a pension provided by a just and generous Govern-ment were rejected last year, after a weary how about the many widows who have been turned down by this same Commis-sioner of Pensions, and their fond hopes blasted, though their claims were as just blasted, though their claims were as just and much older than Mrs. Henry s? Is there any geod reason why the Commissioner of Pensions should be in such frantic haste to grant a pension to Mrs. Henry, and mean-time exercise all the ingenuity at his command in devising, discovering or inventing

G A. R. Notes.

Stanton Corps, 9, Stanton with Stanton Post, 37, and the Sons of Veterans, celebrated Lincoln's birthday with an excellent custom of visiting in a body members of the Posts on their birthdays. Recently they have visited Weedon Archer, on the occasion of his 54th birthday; Henry Bonett, on his 55th birthday, and F. M. Hill, who celebrated his 55th birthday.

The old soldiers think those birthday celebrations as nice as marching on a for-aging expedition in Virginia, Tennessee, Mississippi or Georgia.

Mississippi or Georgia.
C. P. Smith Pest, 175, Escanaba, Mich., has lost a valued member by the death of Comrade Hill, Co. D, 34th N. Y. Comrade Hill was killed in a railroad wreck. He had been buggageman and express agent on the C. & N. W. R. R. for 18 years. He had recently been installed Commander of his Post

his Post.
A. W. Chapman Post, 21, St. Joseph,
Mich., has passed resolutions "that we our meetings on the same terms that the Sons of Veterans at present admit us to their meetings." Albert S. Roe is Commander and John E. L. Miller Adjutant.

George Lighthiser, Co. K, 23d Ohio, Northwestern Branch Soldiers' Home, Wis favors a service president Wis., favors a service pension.

The 17th Ohio's Fall Reunion.

The members of the 17th Ohio Association met at Lancaster, O., Feb. 20, to reconsider the vote to hold the Fall Reunion at Carroll, and unanimously decided to hold their next Reunion at Chickamauga Park, Oct. 9, 10 and 11. The Annual Re-union of the Army of the Cumberland will be held at Chattanooga at the same time. The 17th Ohio boys will camp on the old battlefield, and invite all comrades, and especially those of Turchin's Brigade, to join them. The officers of the Association are as follows: Pres., Capt. O. B. Brandt; V. P., J. D. Inskeep, Treas., T. J. McNaghten; Rec. Sec., J. W. Buchanan, Basil, O.; Cor. Sec., Thos. Bope, Lancaster, O.

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complexion. Every lady ought to send at one and get a free trial."

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A Brave Colonel. EDITOR NATIONAL TRIBUNE: At the battle of the Hatchie River, where Gen. Ord met and repulsed the entire army of Price and Van Dorn, as they retreated

comrade and commander.—FRANK EVANS, Co. I, 3d Iowa, Chicago. Crganization of a U. V. U. Regiment.

A Regiment of the Union Veterans' Una Regiment of the Chilon Velerans Union was instituted at Rutland, Vt., March 3. The Regiment belongs to the Division of New Hampshire and Vermont, Maj.-Gen. L. W. Bissell, Past Division Commander, was Mustering and Instituting Officer. The officers elected are as fol-lows: Col., W. B. Thrall: Lieut.-Col., C. H. Chapman; Maj., John Warthen; Chap , A.

Northwestern Iowa Veteran Association. The Northwestern Iowa Veteran Associ American war to participate in the En-campment to be held at Rock Rapids, Iowa. June 19, 20 and 21. A large attendance of members of the 52d Iowa and 1st S. D. is expected. Comrade R. M. Church is Com-mander and Geo. Monlux Adjutant of the Association.

MUSTERED OUT.

SUTHERLAND.—At Rollag, Minn, Feb. 27, James R. Sutherland, Co. C. 2d Me. E. A., aged 56. He was killed by being thrown from a load of cordwood. He struck on his head and his neck was broken. He leaves a crippled brother and a sister, Mrs. Solly, who is Postmistress at Pelican Lake, Minn. He was a member of L. H. Tenny Post, of Moorhead, and was buried in Hawley, Minn., by a few members of the Post.

Warthington.—At Meridian, Tex., Sept. 1, 1813, Wm. B. Warrington, Co. G. 18th U. S. Inf. He served three years and was honorably discharged at Lookout Mountain. He was drawing a pension of \$12 per month. He was a member of G.A.R. at Dubin, Tex., but was Postmaster at Meridian at time of his death. He leaves a widow and four children.

WEAVER.—At Springfield, Ill., Jan. 3, Perry A. Weaver, aged 62. He served four years as First Lieutenant of Co. B, 74th Ghio. He was a member of Stephenson Post, 30, He is survived by his widow and two daughters.

WER.—At Fair Grove, Mo., Jan. 22, E. O. Web, Mel.—At Fair Grove, Mo., Jan. 22, E. O. Web, Co. E, 8th Mo. Cav, aged 55. He was a member of Fair Grove Post, 449. He is survived by a widow and several children.

WINKERHENNER.—At Churubusco, Ind., Jan. 30, Isaac Winebrenner, Co. A, 69th Ind. The funeral was conducted by Post 151.

WOLFF.—At Table Hock, Neb., May 4, 1899, Capt. Chas, W. Wolfe, Co. 1, 3d Mo. Cav., aged 65. He enlisted at Elizabeth, Ill., Sept. 23, 1861, and served until Dec. 31, 1864. Comrade Wolfe's health had been failing for a number of years, and heart disease, with other complications resulting from exposure in army, caused his death. His last illness was much cheered by many friends and old comrades. Sept. 20, A widow, one daughter and four sons survive him.

Deaths in the Quincy Home.

E. L. Higgins, Adjutant, sends the following list of deaths in the Soldiers and Sailors' Home, Quincy, Ill.: Noah Burlew, Co. I, 144th Ill.; Lamott Loomis, Co. I, 55th Ill.; Daniel Russeil Co. K 155th Ill.; John Butcher, Co. G, 10th Ill. and Co. I, 10ist Ill.; Jos Gunning, Co. C, 14th Ill. Cav.; Hiram Shoemaker, Co. F, 3d Ill. Cav.; Josiah Barkley, Co. B, 22d Ill.; Wm. H. Goodell, Co. C, 12th Ill. Cav.; Thos. Hogan, Co. C, 90th Ill.; Wm. E. Hollenbaugh, Co. I, 9th lows Cav.; Wm. H. Fowkes, Co. F, 4th lows; Wm. Foste, Co. D, 2d Mo. Art.

IN THE OLD BAY STATE.

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The recent Encampment of the Department of Massachusetts held in Fancuil Hall, Boston, was an enthusiastic meeting, well-attended by comrades from all parts of the "Old Bay State." Commander John E. Gilman presided, using a gavel presented him by Past National President Lizabeth A. Turner. This gavel was made from wood cut on the battlefield of Gettysburg. Commander Gilman made an able address. He fully reviewed the work of the year in the Massachusetts Department, and then took up subjects of more general interest to the veterans of the war. Regarding the pension question he said in part:

"There is no legislation that so nearly affects the interests of our comrades as that of pensions. Ever since 1862 Congress has had the subject under consideration, and many laws have been enacted. The National Encampments, backed up by the several Departments from time to time, petitioned the National Encampments. So many laws have been passed that they have been come very complicated and hard to understand. Perhaps the best report ever made to the National Encampment was that made in Philadelphia last September by the National Pension Committee, which gave a most able and exhaustive presentation of the present pension laws, and the manner in which they are executed. That report was followed by a supplementary report, which set forth the objectionable features of the present pension laws as a spreaght administered, and suggests the remedy."

He then called the attention of the Encampment to a bill now before Congress to correct the records of certain soldiers of the civil war. This bill is in effect to grant honorable discharges to descrives, and has caused a storm of protest from Posts throughout the country. Commander Gilman stated that there was little chance for the enactment of the law, but warned the veterans to guard against objectionable legislation. reterans to guard against objectionable legisla

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Commander Gilman paid a high tribute to the W.R.C. and the Sons of Veterans.

Among the most important reports submitted to the Encampanent was that of Ass't-Adj't-Gen. E. P. Preble. It showed 20,160 members in good standing Dec. 31, 1898. The total gein during the year was 651. The total loss was 1,584. The net loss was 933. Comrade Preble stated:

"The loss by death was 623, an increase of 85 over the previous year, and there were 72 less suspensions. The number in good standing on Dec. 31, 1899, was 19,227. At the same date there were 211 Posts—a loss of two; not agreat loss—for their united membership was only 34—but significant from the fact that theirs were the first charters surrendered since 1882, and that they are but the forerunners of other weak and tottering Posts, which must eventually give up their existence. In the light of present experience. I would call the attention of other Posts contemplating such action to the rules and regulations, which provide for the consolidation of two or more Posts and the combination of their properties. I submit that it is not fair for comrades, just before surrendering the charter of their Post, todivide up its property among themselves, and then, joining another Post by transfer, become equal owners in the property of that Post, Suchaction is a manifest injustice to the comrades who had spent many years in the accummulation of said property.

Resolutions on the death of Mrs. Shaw, wire of Commander in Chief Albert D. Shaw, were adopted.

The following officers were chosen: Com., Peter D. Smith, Andover: S. V. C. Silas A. Batton, Waltham; J. V. C. W. W. Blackmar, Bossier, Medical Director, E. Proctor Pierce, Springfield, Chap., Rev. D. W. Davis, Amesbury.

The following comrades were chosen members of the Council of Administration: Joshus; A. Bartlett, Brockton; Andrew P. Fisher, East Boston; George W. Myrick, Worcester, Hen

LADIES OF THE G.A.R.

Interesting sessions were held by the Ladies of the G.A.R. at Gilbert Hall, with Department President Mahala S. T. Negus presiding. National President Julia Schade and Mrs. Lucy L. Lehmann, flist President of the Order, were in Mrs. Jennie Teel, of Circle 7, Salem, was chosen President; Mrs. Emma A. King, of Springfield, Senior Vice-President; and Mrs. Christina Clough Junior Vice-President.

MAINE ENCAMPMENT.

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Many hundreds of veterans from every part
of the State ettended the recent Annual Encampment of the Department of Maine at Portland.
Many of the comrades were accompanied by
their wives and daughters, who were generally
members of the W.R.C.

At the business sessions Department Commander Frederick Robie presided. He presented an able report, covering fully every subject of interest to the veterans of his Department.
Regarding the membership he said: "While
the Department has suffered a loss of two Posts
by surrender of charter and one by delinquent
reports during the year 1839, it is gratifying to
note that the loss of comrades in good standing
has been less than for any year since 1835, when
the Department of Maine reached the high-water
mark of its membership. The loss by death
(224) is the greatest of any year in our history,
with one exception, but the loss by suspension is
less than that of any other year sirce the period
of our greatest membership.

Another subject of peculiar interest was the
pension question. Gen. Robie said in part:
No politician in either of the great parties dares
to strike against the righteous laws by which the
Government rewards those to whom it owes its
being; were any such attack made, it would be
overwhelmed by the burning indignation emanating from the brain and heart of a grateful people.
Who feel that the veteran and his family can
never be fully recompanyad. Their sacrifices and
yaliant deeds give them the right to command
public aid for the consorts and necessaries of life.
He gave his all to save for us the best Government the world has ever seen. Were not our
soldiers faithful and true, even under the most
cruel and tedious sulfaring? Let Andersonville
and other Southern prispns answer. The 200,000
Union prisoners who Starved for months in those
of the war show that, 4t least 186,000 men preferred the prospect of miserable death to a traitorous abandonnent of their own glorious Flag,
and it is estimated

The Sons of Veterans and the W.R.C. were warmly praised by Commander Robie.

The annual report of the Assistant Adjutant-General, E. C. Swett, contained the following

Theodore McNelley, of Ashland, O., made stirring addresses on the work in the Department, paying a just compliment to Memorial Post as the banner Post of Cuyahoga County, and the most active in the State.

The crowning charm of the occasion came when the Rev. J. S. Rutfedge, the son came when the Rev. J. S. Rutfedge, the son made possible by the shedding of loyal blood.

The Arlon Quartet enlivened the occasion with a choice selection. A loud call from with a choice selection. A loud call from the W.R.C. and D. of V. demanded the immediate attention of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection. S. Bishop, Norwich; Edward Croft, mediate attention of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection. A loud call from the W.R.C. and D. of V. demanded the immediate attention of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection. A loud call from the W.R.C. and D. of V. demanded the immediate attention of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and the selection of the veterans and their water and t

Posts, 40; soldiers and sailors burled in "potter's field." 14; monuments in public places. 75; graves unmarked by proper headstones, 608; Memorial exercises held, 225; comrades in line, 5,353; speakers who received pay, 128; speakers who gave their services, 31; money donated by citizens and towns for observance of Memorial, 57,421; donated by Posts, \$833; from other sources, \$393.

At the second day's session the following officers were elected: Com., Seth T. Snipe, Beth; S. V. C., Edward P. Faunce Oxford; J. V. C., A. H. Pratt, North Turner; Medical Director, Dr. J. H. McGregor, Montague; Chap., Rev. J. W. Webster, Newport, Council of Administration, Jas. E. Parsons, Ellsworth; Jas. A. Nagle, Lubec; Enoch H. Carr, Pittsfield; Wm. Fennelly, Bar Harbor; Charles E. Wing, Wayne.

MAINE DEPARTMENT, W.R.C.

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Interesting sessions were held by the Department of Maine, W.R.C., and much routine business was transacted. The following officers were elected: Pres. Mrs. Hattie C. Sprague, Bangor, S. V. P. Mrs. Jennie L. Day, Gorham, J. V. P. Mrs. Nancy LeGross, Bucksport; Treas. Mrs. Frances E. White, Bangor; Sec. Miss Jennie Cummings, Bangor; Chap. Mrs. Amanda J. Brocks, Lewiston; Ins., Mrs. Serah J. Ross, Newport; L and L. Officer, Mrs. Annie L. Stiles, Springvale; Counsellor, Mrs. Clara B. Leavitt, Skowhegan; Patriotic Instructor, Mrs. Alice S. Gilman, Oakland; Press Correspondent, Mrs. Inzetta A. Small, Lewiston.

STATE W.P.C. The State W.R.C. also held sessions during the G.A.R. Encampment, and elected the following officers: Pres., Mrs. Orraville Gilpatric, Waterville, V. P., Mrs. N. I. Sawyer, Portland; Chap., Mrs. Roberts, of Vinalhaven; Conductor, Mrs. Frances Elack, of Gorham; Gtard, Mrs. Rose Merrill. of North Turner; Sec., Mrs. Ruth N. Robbins, of Waterville, Treas, Mrs. C. E. McGann, of Waterville, Directors, Mrs. MaxBeld, Mrs. Hyde, Mrs. M. C. Morrill, Mrs. Brown.

FLORIDA ENCAMPMENT.

Commander-in-Chief Shaw in Attendance. Election of Officers. The 16th Annual Encampment of the Department of Florida was held at Sanford, Fla., March

The veterans in attendance at the Encamp The veterans in attendance at the Encampment, under the command of Commander Kirby, met Commander-in Chief Shaw at the train, and escorted him to his hotel, where he was welcomed to the Department Encampment by Comtade Lancy in words of sympathy and cotdishity. In his response to the comrades and members of the Woman's Helief Corps Commander Shaw proved he was a true Grand Army man in every sense of the word, and when he referred to his recent great loss, there was not a dity eye in the 100m. Each lady end comrade shook the hand of the Commander, and in return received kind words.

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The citizens of Sanford entertained the commades at the Opera House. They marched to the Opera House in a body, excetting the members of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Confederate Veterains. Commander Shaw, speaking for the entire Grand Army of the Republic, sort that we have no North or South, but a united country of Americans.

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When the program was finished, the Woman's Relief Corps, the Confederate Veterans, and the commades marched to the Sanford House. The Woman's Relief Corps had prepared a banquet, in the large office, where all could be witnesses, and after a commade was married the veterans took scats in the dining room. There they lingered till a late hour, when each one was given a piece of wedding cake.

John S. Fairhend, of Jacksonville, was elected Commander, and H. Benabue, of Sanford, Junior Vice4 ommander.

Work of the Pension Office.

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The report of certificates issued for the work ending March 10 shows—

Army invalid: Original, 19; increase and additional, 414; reissue, 24; restoration and renewal, 27; deplicate, 25; accrued, 88; total, 597.

1 Army invalid (act of June 27, 1890); Original, 255; increase, 426; additional, 111; reissue, 37; restoration and renewal, 42; supplemental, 2; deplicate, 60; accrued, 104; total, 1,021.

Army widow, etc. Original, 48; increase and additional, 1; restoration and renewal, 1; duplicate, 9; accrued, 2; total, 61.

Army widow, etc. (act of June 27, 1890); Original, 176; increase and additional, 1; reissue, 3, dufficate, 7; supplemental, 1; accrued, 5; total, 193.

Army widow, etc. (war with Spain); Original, 176; increase and additional, 1; reissue, 3, dufficate, 7; supplemental, 1; accrued, 5; total, 193.

Army widow, etc. (war with Spain); Original, 7

duplicate, 7; supplemental, 1; accrued, 5; total, 193.

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Navy invalid: increase and additional, 1; reissue, 1; total, 2.
Navy invalid (act of June 27, 1820): Original, 3; increase and additional, 16; restoration and renewal, 1; duplicate, 1; total, 52.
Navy widow, etc.: Original, 4.
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Navy widow (war with Spain): Original, 2.
Indian Wars—Survivors: Accrued, 1.
Indian Wars—Widow: Original, 1.
Old War invalid: Accrued, 3.
Mexican War—Survivors: Original, 1; duplicate, 1; accrued, 6; total, 8.
Mexican War—Widows: Original, 9; duplicate, 1; total, 10.
Totals: Original, 570; increase and additional, 974; reissue, 65; restoration and renewal, 71; supplemental, 3; duplicate, 84; accrued, 209.
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